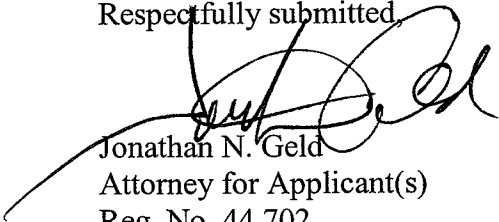


REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims are clerical corrections offered in light of the Examiner amendment. Because no new matter has been added, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-referenced patent application is entitled to the original filing date of **November 9, 2001**. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 512-439-5090, if there are any questions.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

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